

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 11, 2002

IN RE:

NOTICE OF US LEC CORP OF A "BONA
FIDE REQUEST" FOR AN INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT WITH THE TDS LOCAL
EXCHANGE CARRIERS PURSUANT TO
47 U.S.C. SECTION 251

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DOCKET NO. 00-00026

ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On March 1, 2002, the Pre-Hearing Officer entered an *Order Establishing New Procedural Schedule* ("Order"). That *Order* reflected the fact that on February 21, 2002, US LEC Corp ("US LEC") filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") notification, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1), of a new "bona fide request" for interconnection with TDS TELECOM and its subsidiary companies, Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Humphreys County Telephone Company, Inc., Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc. and Tellico Telephone Company, Inc. (hereinafter, collectively "TDS TELECOM"). Based on the earlier agreement of the parties in this docket, it was and continues to be the understanding of the Pre-Hearing Officer that the 120-day period for the Authority to act on US LEC's new "bona fide request" commenced on the date of filing, February 21, 2002. The *Order* established a procedural schedule that provided for discovery and the filing of pre-filed testimony through May 10, 2002.

On March 13, 2002, the parties submitted a *Revised Joint Agreement Proposing New Procedural Schedule*, seeking to amend the Procedural Schedule due to scheduling problems and the need for additional time to respond to discovery ("*Revised Joint Agreement*"). Since the submission of the *Revised Joint Agreement*, the parties have sought and obtained permission from the Pre-Hearing Officer to further amend the proposed schedule to account for additional scheduling conflicts. Notwithstanding the joint request for an amended schedule, the Pre-Hearing Officer is mindful of the requirement that this matter be resolved by the Authority no later than June 24, 2002, in the absence of an agreement of the parties to extend the 120-day time period.


In consideration of the foregoing, and in recognition of the earlier agreements of the parties and orders in this docket prescribing pre-hearing procedure, the Pre-Hearing Officer hereby amends the procedural schedule¹ for the conduct of this proceeding:

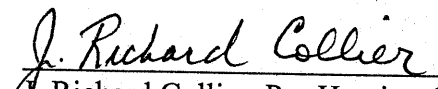
March 13, 2002	TDS TELECOM's Response to US LEC's "Bona Fide Request"
March 20, 2002	US LEC's Discovery Requests
March 29, 2002	TDS TELECOM's Discovery Requests
April 4, 2002	TDS TELECOM's Responses to Discovery
April 19, 2002	US LEC's Responses to Discovery
April 24, 2002	US LEC's Direct Testimony
May 8, 2002	TDS TELECOM's Direct and Rebuttal Testimony
May 15, 2002	US LEC's Reply Testimony Due

¹ The parties should take note that the Procedural Schedule established herein differs from the proposed schedule requested in the *Revised Joint Agreement Proposing New Procedural Schedule*.

All filings are required to be submitted to the Authority and copies served on the parties no later than **2:00 p.m.** on the date specified above. Parties shall file all discovery requests and responses with the Authority.

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary


J. Richard Collier, Pre-Hearing Officer

4/11/02
Date